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## THE FLACK CONVICTION.

The conviction of Sheriff Flack and his son and the Court Referee Meeks, with

New York city, of conspiracy and fraud, in

procuring a decree of divorce for the

Flack from his wife, is a triumph of justice

that will have far-reaching effect. That

official believed himself so intrenched by

political power, so secure as a "boss," so

absolutely insured by his official, social

and political standing against the search-

ing of the Courts, that he has borne him-

self contemptuously concerning the prosecu-

tion. His conviction must strip the veil

from his eyes and prove to him that there

is no man so high and mighty in this

land that the law cannot reach him, if he

is an evil doer.

The crime of Flack was infamous. His

wife, a patient, oppressed and abused

woman, of not strong mind or will, and

usually the docile instrument of the will

of her husband and her elder son, became

distant to the Sheriff. He had other

strings to his bow that he could not op-

erate save in secrecy, so long as the law

bound him to the mother of his children.

He therefore concocted a cause of divorce

against himself and had an action brought

in the name of his wife, "proofs" taken

and a decree entered, of all which Mrs.

Flack had no knowledge whatever. In

fact, the first news she had of the matter

was the information she received through

the press that a decree of divorce had

been entered.

After Flack had been indicted, along

with his son, who was a conspirator against

his mother, the two so influenced the poor

woman that she consented to withdraw her

charges and to let her husband escape the

deaths of his crime. But the prosecuting

officials of New York were less successful,

and the case was pushed, with the result

announced. At the trial it was with great

difficulty that Mrs. Flack was induced to

testify at all, so completely is she under

the influence of her son.

Flack is the Sheriff of the chief city of

the nation, a position of the highest im-

portance; his conviction is therefore one

that will have a wholesome effect through-

out the land. While it will check the

frequency of fraudulently procuring

decrees of Court may be doubted, but in

other respects the conviction will work

for good, since it will awe offenders, re-

gardless of their high official positions,

their wealth or their social surroundings.

The Stanley exhibition now being ar-

ranged in London is a timely and com-

mendable undertaking, and the finest re-

production that could possibly be given to

the heroic explorer. The great collectors

of African curiosities have sent on the

best examples from their collections, and

in addition there will be miniature rep-

resentations of the topography of interior

Africa and of the great Arcturian forest

in which Stanley was so long entangled

and where he was so much annoyed by

the dwarf savages. The exhibition testifies

to an interest in geographical research that

is to the infinite credit of the English

people. But more than this, it shows that

the English people are sincere in their ad-

miration for the heroism of Stanley, and

that they are possessed of that quality

that speaks so well for a nation—gratitude

to heroes and those who peril their lives

for the advancement of the common inter-

ests of humanity. The exhibition opens

this morning, and it is safe to predict for

it the highest success. It will be in the

height of its career when Stanley arrives

in London on the 10th of April.

The Berlin Labor Conference has

agreed, so far as the report of its com-

mittee goes, that women shall be prohib-

ited from working in underground mines

and that boys under 14 shall not be em-

ployed in the mines. Was it necessary that

Germany should call a European con-

ference to secure such a decision? Was

not Germany equal to the making of such

a decree without the advice of other na-

## JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY.

The Distinguished Irish-American to

Lecture in this City To-night.

John Boyle O'Reilly, editor and prop-

rietor of the Boston Pilot, will appear at

the Metropolitan Theater this evening and

deliver a lecture, the subject of which will be

"The Poets and Poetry of Ireland." From

his well-known standing in the literary

world, and his knowledge of the subject, it

should be a treat to his audience. He

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## DESPERATE FOOTPADS.

The City Over-run With Things and Mi-

dnight Robbers.

Four men were held up on the streets of

this city last night by footpads. The town is

full of gentry, and he who travels late at

night or for that matter early in the evening

is likely to walk into the arms of desperate

individuals, whose first salutation is "Hold

up your hands."

Daniel Sims is the name of a laboring

man, who lives in the vicinity of Agricul-

tural Park. Last evening, after attending

church, he started out to see Sacramento

by "gas-light." In his effort to find the ele-

phant he visited several beer-halls, and when

he became slightly "how come you so" a

pleasant smile, when he speaks, and his

manner is that of a polished gentleman,

as often as asked.

About 12 o'clock the accommodating

stranger picked Sims into the neighborhood

at Twelfth and J streets, and proceeded

without much ceremony to go through

Sims' pockets. The latter resented this

undue familiarity and a rough-and-tumble

fight ensued. Some passers by were at-

tracted by the "rattle" and the robber

skipped out, leaving Sims with tattered

garments, a battered face and depleted ex-

chequer.

## FRUIT-GROWERS' MEMORIAL.

Senator Stanford Asked to Help Raise

the Duty.







